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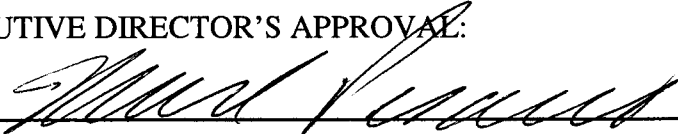
DATE: January 6, 2005

TO: Administration Committee and Regional Council

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SUBJECT: Resolution to IVAG Subregion

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

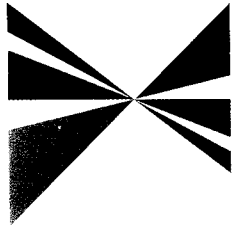


RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Resolution (# to be inserted) to encourage the cities of Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, Westmorland and the County of Imperial to maintain their relationship with the Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura County metropolitan planning organization.

BACKGROUND: After the 2000 census the City of El Centro received an urban area designation having achieved a population over 50,000 persons. This urbanized area designation allows the area to establish itself as its own metropolitan planning organization.

FISCAL IMPACT: Adopting the resolution will have no fiscal impact on SCAG.




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Resolution 04-459-1
RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG DESIRE THAT THE CITIES OF BRAWLEY, CALEXICO, CALIPATRIA, EL CENTRO, HOLTVILLE, IMPERIAL, WESTMORLAND AND THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL CONTINUE TO BE AN INTEGRAL PARTICIPANT AND PARTNER IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization pursuant to 23 U.S.C. sec 134(a) and (g) for the counties of Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, Orange, and Imperial and as such, SCAG is responsible for developing a Regional Transportation Plan pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 134(g), 49 U.S.C. Sec. 5303(f), and 23 C.F.R. Sec. 450.312; and

WHEREAS, The Southern California Association of Governments desires to make known its commitment to maintain and improve its relations as the region's MPO with the cities of Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, Westmorland and the County of Imperial; and

WHEREAS, the cities within Imperial County and the County of Imperial are strategic components of the movement of people and goods internationally and nationally within the SCAG region including Baja California; and

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments supports the implementation of the Southwest Compact proposal to promote economic development via the development of an effective and efficient trade and transportation corridor along Interstate 8; and

WHEREAS, the cities within Imperial County and the County of Imperial greatly benefit from the economies of scale that enable SCAG to provide Imperial County governments with administrative contract services; technical services, including modeling, growth forecasts, economic forecasts, geographical information systems data and maps, regional housing needs assessment, regional transportation planning, air quality conformity, the preparation of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and many other services; and

WHEREAS, in these times of transportation funding uncertainty at both the state and federal level and uncertainty surrounding the federal transportation reauthorization legislation it remains imperative that the SCAG Region continue to maintain a unified front when dealing with the state legislature, Congress and the Executive Branch at the state and federal level.

WHEREAS, the strength and ability of the six-county region to cooperatively resolve regional challenges occurs best in a unified cohesive environment where a variety of viewpoints produce the best regional policy;

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments, that the cities of Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, Westmorland and the County of Imperial continue to remain as members of the SCAG MPO.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the vote of the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at a regular meeting this 6th day of January 2005.

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